Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*a*).

(*c*) Government considered the matter and found that there was no truth in the allegation.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

177. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the total of dearness allowance paid by the Government to Government Employees in 1119;

(*b*) are Cochin Government servants supplied with their necessaries of life at controlled or pre-war prices;

(*c*) is the system in (*b*) not obtaining in Travancore and British India?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The figures for 1119 are not yet available. The amount of dearness allowance required for payment to Government employees (including staff paid from contingencies) as per the revised estimate for 1119 is Rs. 11,03,237.

(*b*) In the case of commodities the prices of which have been controlled, the Government servants, like others, can purchase them at controlled rates. There is no special arrangement for Government servants.

(*c*) Government have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware, Sir, that Railway servants are being supplied with the necessaries at pre-war rates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They have some arrangement to give rice. That I know. But it is not on pre-war rates but at the present market rates.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I question the correctness of that statement.

EXCISE STAFF—SALARY OF—ENAMMAVU, ETC., RANGES

178. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Trichur-Ezhuvas):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the salary of the Excise Staff in the Enammavu range for the months of Dhanu, Makaram and Kumbham 1119 was not disbursed on the 20th, 18th and 22nd of the succeeding months respectively;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state the reasons for this late disbursal of salary?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. The pay was disbursed on 19th Makaram 1119, 17th Kumbham 1119 and 21st Meenam 1119 respectively.

(*b*) The pay bills of the range staff can be prepared only after receipt of tour statements for the previous month. These will generally be received from all the Sub-Inspectors only by the 5th of the succeeding month. The establishment of the preventive force including the staff for Price Control has considerably increased in strength and there was then only one clerk to prepare all these bills. These are the reasons for this late disbursement of pay.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, whether the difficulty with regard to the receipt of tour statements does not apply to other departments also?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. It applies in the case of some other Departments also, where there are a large number of hands.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether it is the practice throughout the year?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Office staff has now been increased in order that payment may be made earlier.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can we take it, Sir, that the pay subsequent to these months is being distributed to them before the 5th?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. As far as possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether the Government are aware that these people are dependent upon their salary for their maintenance?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Every now and then such complaints are brought to the notice of the House. Will the Government be pleased to do something to see that such complaints do not come up in future at least?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Every effort will be made. But still there are some practical difficulties and as already stated it may not be always possible to make all these payments before the 5th of the succeeding month. These tour statements have to be scrutinised and checked. That itself will take at least four or five days in the Head Office.

Mr. T. A. Ramchandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it not a fact that the pay of these officers for Mithunam is not disbursed even today?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Last year also the same difficulty came up before the Council. Why only in this Department it is like that?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Because the number of peons has been increased lately. Therefore, a large number of tour statements has to be examined, scrutinised and checked in the Head Office. The number of peons has been practically doubled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, why the Excise Inspectors take time till the 5th?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They have been asked to send it up as early as possible. They also require some time to verify the correctness of the figures it will certainly cause some delay. But invariably they send it before the 5th of the succeeding month.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Cannot these tour statements be prepared, Sir, by the evening of the 1st of the next month?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not possible. These statements must also take in the tours conducted on the last day of the previous month.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Cannot arrangements be made Sir, for the payment of T. A. and other dues separately, so that they may get the pay without delay?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That will complicate accounts.

TODDY SHOPS—AUCTIONS FOR 1120—DEPOSIT SECURITIES

179. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു് ദയവായി മറുപടിപറയാമൊ.—

(എ) ക ക ഒ-ലെ മദ്യഷാപ്പു ലേലക്കാരോടു് ആറു മാസത്തെ കിസ്തുമുൻകൂറായി അടക്കുവാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്തു്;

(സി) ക ക ക്ൻ വരെയുള്ള പതിവു എന്തായിരുന്നു;

(ഡി) ലേലപരസ്യത്തിൽ ആറുമാസത്തെ കിസ്തു അഡ്വാൻസായി കെട്ടേണമെന്നു് പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിരുന്നുവോ;

(ഇ) ആറുമാസത്തെ കിസ്തു അഡ്വാൻസായി കെട്ടിവെക്കണമെന്നു് ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നതിനെ ആക്ഷേപിച്ചു് "ദീപം, ജന്മഭൂമി" ഈ പത്രങ്ങളിൽ എഴുതിയിരുന്നതു് ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(എഫ്) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു് എന്തുചെയ്തു?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(എ) എല്ലാവരോടും ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടില്ല. എന്നാൽ ധനസ്ഥിതി മുഴുവനും തൃപ്തികരമല്ലെന്നു് ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ കാര്യത്തിൽ ആറുമാസത്തെ കിസ്തുകെട്ടിവെക്കണമെന്നു് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു് റവന്യൂവിന്റെ രക്ഷക്കുവേണ്ടി.

(സി) പഴയ നടപടിയും അതുതന്നെയാണു്.

(ഡി) പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിരുന്നു.

(ഇ) ഇല്ല.

(എഫ്) ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ ; ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു റവന്യൂവിന്റെ രക്ഷക്കുവേണ്ടി പണംതന്നെ കെട്ടിവെക്കണമെന്നുണ്ടോ. ജാമ്യം വാങ്ങിയാൽ പോരേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യൂ : അതൊക്കെ കമ്മീഷണരുടെ യുക്തംപോലെ ചെയ്യാം. ആവശ്യം ജാമ്യം മതിയെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യും. പോരാ എന്നു തോന്നിയാൽ ആറു മാസത്തെ കിസ്തു മുൻകൂടക്കാൻ പറയും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : പഴയ നടപടിയിൽ ജാമ്യം വാങ്ങാറു പതിവില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യൂ : രണ്ടും ഉണ്ടു്.

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